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INTRODUCTION

Use these instructions to get a quick start with Discis Books.

The following instructions assume that you are already familiar with your CDTV™. If you have any questions about your CDTV, refer to the manual that came with your hardware.

With Discis Books you have nothing to fear because you can not break anything or lose the information. However, do bear the following things in mind:

- Avoid touching or scratching the surface of the disc
- Never place a disc in the CDTV player without a caddy
- Store the disc in a caddy or in its plastic box whenever possible
- The sound from a Discis Book is at its best when played through stereo speakers.

FOUR STEPS TO GETTING STARTED

1. Turn on your CDTV.
2. Turn on your TV.
3. Place the Discis Books CD-ROM disc in the caddy.



4. Insert the caddy in the TV.

Place the shutter end in first, with the disc label facing up. The Discis Book on the CD-ROM will open automatically. You will see the Discis logo for a few seconds until the Discis Book opens.

(If you need further assistance, refer to the CDTV manual.)

TWO BASIC PRINCIPLES

Using a Discis Book is easy; there are just two basic principles:

1. You can click on words, pictures, page corners and sentence speakers to make something happen.

For example, you can click on any word or picture element to hear a pronunciation.

2. You can also double-click, or press and hold on words, pictures, page corners and sentence speakers to make different things happen.

For example, you can double-click on a sentence speaker to hear one sentence read, or you can press and hold on any word to hear a pronunciation followed by an in-context explanation.



When you first use a Discis Book it will be set to the Discis Default Settings. These default settings are listed below. To customize the book to meet the specific needs of your child(ren) use the customize screen. By using the customize screen you can easily change the default settings and save your own new settings. See Customize Screen (p6).

	Single Click	Double-Click	Press and Hold
Words	Pronunciation	Pronunciation Syllables	Pronunciation Explanation
Pictures	Show label Pronunciation	Show label Pronunciation Syllables	Show label Pronunciation
Sentence Speakers	Read rest of Book	Read sentence	Phrased Reading
Page Corners	Show page turn Music and Effects	Show page turn	Show page turn Read rest of Book

BUTTON FUNCTIONS

On the CDTV Remote Controller

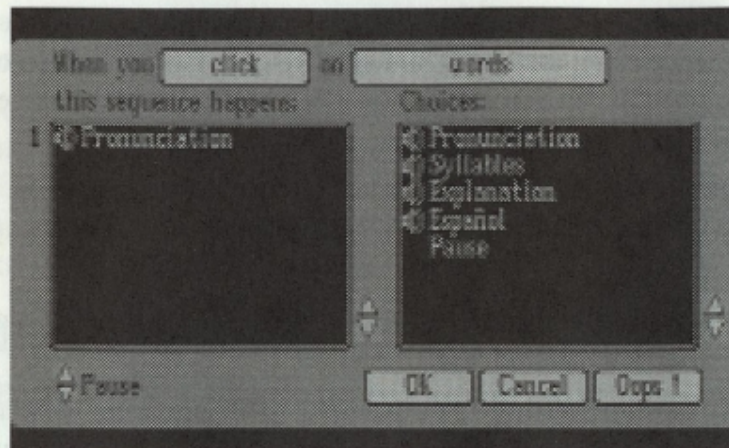
Arrow Buttons - Use these buttons to move the pointer to the item in the Discis Book you want to click on.

"A" Button - Once you have positioned the pointer at an object or word using the arrow buttons, use the "A" button to click, double-click or press and hold.

"B" Button - Use to enter and exit the customize screen.

All current activity in the Discis Book, for example, the narration or background music, must be stopped before entering the customize screen. When you exit the customize screen using the "B" button it is equivalent to clicking on "cancel", and therefore any changed settings will not be saved. To save your custom settings, see the Enter Button (p9).

The Customize Screen - The Discis "customize" screen allows you to individualize the book for each reader's specific needs. Use this screen to change what happens when you click, double-click, or press and hold on words, pictures, sentence speakers and page corners. Discis presets these settings to the Discis Defaults shown on page 5, but they are easy to change.



How to customize - The first time you enter the customize screen (by pressing the "B" button) it will show the following: "when you click on words". The preset Discis default is a pronunciation of the word. To the right of the screen is a list of "Choices" which, in this case, will show Pronunciation, Syllables, Explanation, and Español. Moving "Español" into the sequence will give you a Spanish pronunciation of any word or picture element.

To add an item - To add one of the choices from the right of the screen to the sequence on the left just select the choice with the "A" button.



Keep the "A" button held down while you are dragging the choice across to the sequence using the arrow buttons. Release the "A" button once you have positioned the choice in the sequence. Multiples of the same item can appear in the sequence.

To change the sequence order - Select a sequence item with the "A" button then drag and release it into a new position in the same way as above.

To remove an item from the sequence - Select the item and drag it outside the box area and release.

To modify another setting - For example, to change what happens "when you press and hold on sentence speakers" use the arrow buttons to position your pointer at the click-action box and use the "A" button to move to the next click action (ie. from single click to double-click to press and hold). Do the same thing to change from words to sentence speakers at the next box. You will now see the sequence of events for a press and hold on a sentence speaker. Follow the same steps as above to add items, remove items or change the order of the sequence.

Pause Facility - A pause can be inserted between each sequence item. To alter the length of this pause (between 0-4 secs) select "Pause" within the sequence using the "A" button and the Pause box at the bottom left of the



screen will become active. Use the "A" button to click on the up/down arrows to increase/decrease the length of the pause.

Phrased Reading - This reading is a slower narration (press and hold on a sentence speaker under Discis Defaults). A pause of up to 4 seconds can be inserted between the phrases in this slower narration. To alter the pause duration select "Phrased Reading" within the sequence using the "A" button. The Pause box at the bottom left of the screen will become active. Use the "A" button to click on the up/down arrows to increase/decrease the length of the pause.

Enter Button - Use to save the custom settings and exit the customize screen. When you exit the customize screen using the enter button your settings will automatically be saved. If you do not wish to save the changed settings you can either exit via the "B" button or click "cancel" to revert to the original pre-changed settings, or click "Oops" to reset the settings to the Discis Defaults.

Forward & Reverse Buttons - To turn pages you can use either the forward or reverse buttons, or you can click on left and right page corners (using the click action you have preset within the customize screen or the Discis Default of a double-click). A quick method of going to a specific page is to drag the black triangle located to the right of the book up or down.



Stop Button - Use to stop the Discis Book from continuing in its current mode. If the book is reading, but you want to stop to open the customize menu or click on words and pictures, use the stop button to halt the reading. It is possible to temporarily interrupt a reading simply by clicking on a word or picture element. Once the information has been given on that word or object the reading will automatically resume.

Play/Pause Button - This button will perform the same action as a single click on a sentence speaker, according to the Discis Defaults this is "read rest of book". If you have stopped the reading and now press the play button, the Discis Book will resume reading at the first sentence speaker on the present page. If there is no sentence speaker on the present page then the book will resume reading at the next sentence speaker.

On the CDTV Unit

Eject Button - Use to close the Discis Book and eject the CD-ROM caddy from the CDTV player.



SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

- Read some other "tall tales". Look at titles by Dr. Seuss and Maurice Sendak.
- Write a tall tale based on an event in your own life.
- Use pictures from a newspaper or magazine to illustrate your tall tale.
- The author of Long Hard Day on the Ranch uses an interesting technique to separate reality from fantasy. Think of other ways to separate the real story from the tall tale.
- With a group of your friends, devise a tale and make it as "unbelievably" believable as you can.
- Use the Discis Book to investigate new terms and words: "varmint, ornery critters, cool their heels, rustle up some grub."
- Parent Questions:
 - Why is the boy's letter to his Dad a "tall tale"?
 - What are "varmint" and what happened to the varmints in the story?
 - Why did the little boy "rustle up some grub" and what kind of "grub" did he "rustle up"?

NO QUESTIONS ASKED WARRANTY AGREEMENT

Discis Knowledge Research Inc.
will replace any "Discis Book" found to be non-
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English/Spanish

A LONG HARD DAY ON THE RANCH

AUDREY NELSON

Desperate bandits, runaway cattle and broken toes hold no terrors for our imaginative hero - a young boy spending the summer on his aunt and uncle's ranch. Written in the form of a letter home, *A Long Hard Day on the Ranch* shows how a young boy imagines his days at the ranch - while accompanying illustrations show the more mundane reality. Author Audrey Nelson tells her story in a humorous "western" style that will have you chuckling.

The Discis Book™ brings this hilarious story to life. You can ask the CDTV™ to "read" your favorite passages, to explain or pronounce unfamiliar words, and even to identify objects in the accompanying pictures. The parent, the teacher or the reader can easily customize the Discis Books experience. The wide range of built-in educational options includes music and sound effects to enhance reader appreciation, and second language audio background.

Requires a Caddy.

For ages 5 years and older

PRIMARY TEXT IN ENGLISH, OPTIONAL AUDIO BACKGROUND IN SPANISH



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Name of Purchaser _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Telephone - day-time # (____) _____

Age(s) of user(s) this Discis Book was bought for _____

Number of Discis Book users in household _____

Age(s) of non Discis Book user(s) in household _____

How often do you use Discis Books on your CDTV compared to other CDTV programs?

Less than other programs ☐ About the same as other programs ☐ More than other programs ☐

How did you find out about Discis Books?

Store ☐ T.V. ☐ Magazine ☐ Friend ☐ Other ☐ _____

Where did you purchase your Discis Book(s)? _____

What other titles would you like to see on Discis Books? _____

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